Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether the drivers do not sit in front of the vehicle and not in the back ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Passengers also sit in the front.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the length of the regulation shorts for ladies and gents. Even ladies now wear shorts *(Laughter).*

Mr. President : Order, order. I do not think that question arises.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether these trousers were supplied by Government ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

PROSECUTING INSPECTORS—APPOINTMENT—APPLICATION FOR

15. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there have been any instance in the past two years of applications for the post of Prosecuting Inspectors being received by the Commissioner of Police and if so, will Government be pleased to state the number and the names of the applicants during the period ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. Five applications were received. The names of applicants are given below.—

1. Mr. A. Krishna Menon.
2. Mr. K. K. Sukumaran.
3. Mr. N. R. Shenoi.
4. Mr. P. K. Abdulla.
5. Sry. V. Lekshmikutty Amma.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* May I know whether in the selection of the Prosecuting Inspectors, Government will be pleased to give preference to ladies ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is rather difficult to answer a question like that. Government have noted the suggestion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when this petition from No. 5 Sreemathi V. Lekshmikutty Amma was received ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I am not very definite about it. It was about 9 months ago.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* Have any of these 5 applicants been appointed as Prosecuting Inspectors after her application ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. Krishna Menon, Abdulla and K. K. Sukumaran are appointed as Prosecuting Inspectors.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* May I know whether the conditions required for a Prosecuting Inspector's place had been satisfied in the case of No. 5 Sreemathi Lekshmikutty Amma.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The one condition which was not satisfied was that she was not a male. For entering into the Police Department even as Prosecuting Inspectors, there is a rule that only male members are eligible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* May I know what exactly is the work of the Prosecuting Inspectors ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is just the prosecution of police cases.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware of the existence of lady advocates practising both in the High Court of Judicature, Cochin, and also District Courts.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Government of opinion that any better qualification than those required for advocates in the High Court or District Court is necessary for the prosecution of cases before the subordinate Magistracy.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police) :* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* In view of that answer, Sir, may I know why was not the case of Sry. V. Lakshmikutti Amma considered in preference to the 3 appointees mentioned in the supplementary answer ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The appointment was based on other considerations also, and so the appointments went to these gentlemen on other considerations.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know what is the extra consideration ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: It is not in the public interests to reveal those considerations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkaucheri)*: What were the extra considerations which necessitated these appointments of Krishnan Menon, Sukumaran and Abdulla.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: I have answered.

Mr. President : You had answered that question.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the case of this lady who according to, the admissions in the supplementary answers is eminently fit for the prosecution of cases, be considered at least in future at the next opportunity ?

Khan Sahib Y. Mnhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: I cannot promise that.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether the Government interviewed this lady in regard to this matter ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* : No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I take it that it is her sex that stood in the way of Government appointing her ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* : Not exactly that alone.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I take it that the question of sex has partly stood in her way ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* : It has not been the practice in this State to take ladies in the Police Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May I know whether it is not high time to break that practice ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* : No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Is there any rule prescribing physical fitness to Prosecuting Inspectors ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: They come under the general rules of qualifications for public service.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)*: Is it to be taken that no lady will hereafter be appointed as Prosecuting Inspector ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: I do not say that.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)*: Does this imply this ?

16. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any application for appointment from any candidate for the post of Prosecuting Inspector was received by the Commissioner of Police and forwarded to Government for orders ;

(*b*) whether in such petitions, if any, remarks were made by the Commissioner of Police ;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state the name with the designation of the officer who received the application for appointment as Prosecuting Inspector of Mr. P. A. Mohyidhin (now Magistrate) ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No application has been received by Government from Mr. P. A. Mohyidhin for appointment as Prosecuting Inspector—But he had however put in petitions to the Diwan for appointment in the Public Services of the State.

BAN ON PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS

17. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when were orders passed by the Government banning public meetings and public processions in the State ;

(*b*) what were the reasons that prompted the Government to pass the orders in (*a*) ?

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